

Cambridgeport, March 24, 1843.

My dear Buffum:

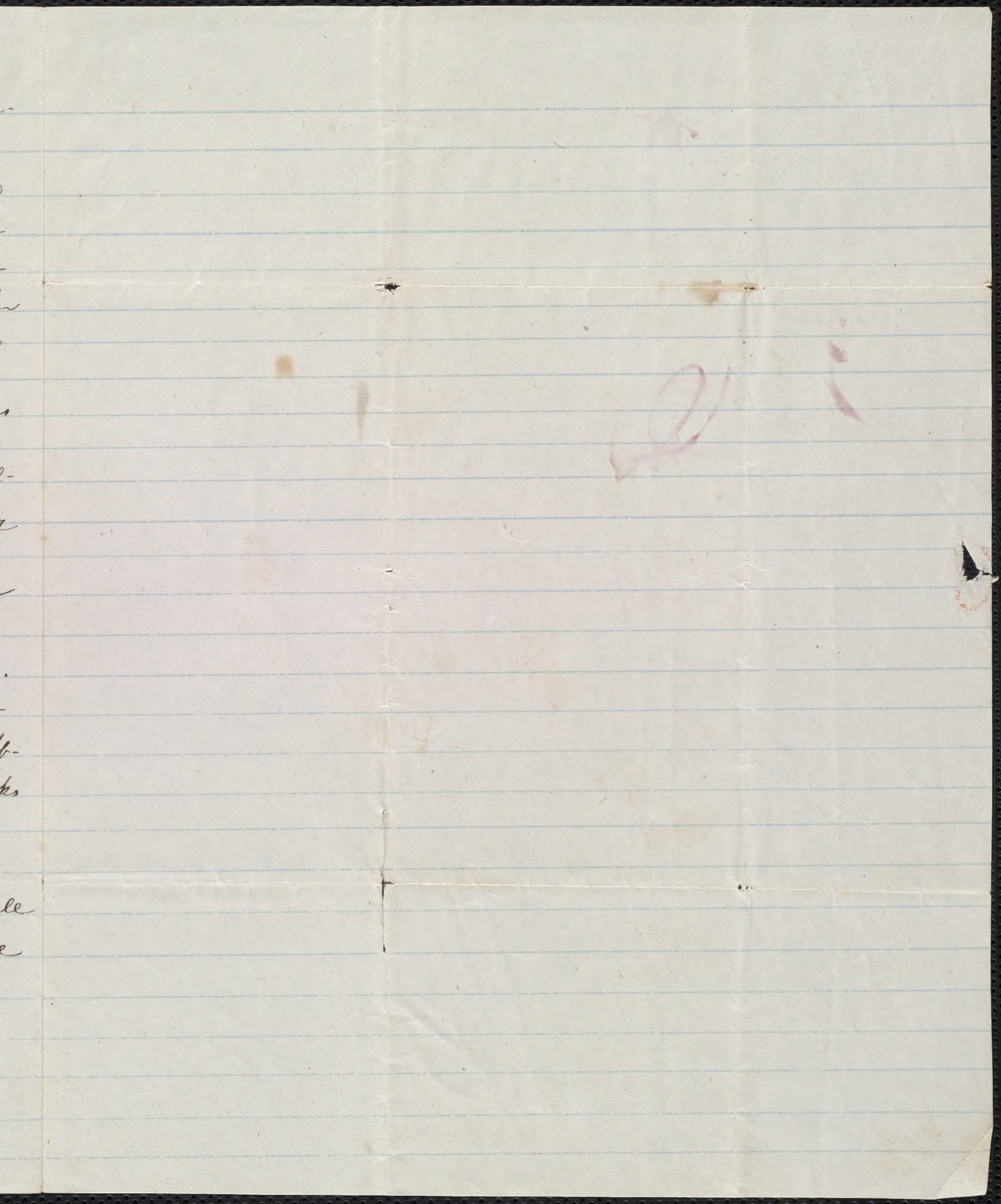
After carefully estimating the advantages and disadvantages of a residence in Lynn, as compared with one in the city, — and after listening to the opinions of several friends on this point, — we (i. e. all the family) have come to the conclusion that, all things considered, it will be more convenient and satisfactory for us to remove to the city, than to make Lynn our dwelling-place. On many accounts, we should prefer to live in your "free and equal" town, but there are other considerations which lead us to believe that, as a whole, we should find ourselves better situated in Boston than in any other place in its vicinity. Nevertheless, we are highly obliged to you for having given us the opportunity to examine, and (if we chose) to occupy the convenient and pleasantly located house that you hold in trust. Our regard for the dear friends in Lynn is very strong, in some cases rising to admiration; and greatly should we rejoice to be allowed to have daily intercourse with them; but of this pleasure we must be deprived, at least for the present. Under existing circumstances, if the choice of removal had been left to us between Lynn and any other place except Boston, we should undoubtedly have decided in favor of Lynn. It is not yet certain to what part of the city we shall go, but probably the "South End" — perhaps to the house now occupied by our esteemed friend Ellis Gray Loring, who is desirous to let it to us.

When you next call at our respected friend Daniel Johnson's, please inform the family that, since her return home, sister Anne has been nearly all the time confined to her bed, and it will probably be some time (if ever) before she becomes convalescent. She is daily attended by Dr. Wesselhoeft, our German homoeopathic physician, who thinks her case somewhat critical, and describes her disorder as being exceedingly difficult to manage. Thus far, his prescriptions do not seem to have produced any beneficial effects; nor is Anne's faith in this mode of treatment very strong. We must leave the result in the hands of Him "who does not willingly afflict the children of men," being prepared for every event in his providence.

Say to those hospitable friends, that we shall ever gratefully remember their christian kindness during our abode under their roof, in such afflicting circumstances. Anne frequently expatiates on the motherly and sisterly attention that was unceasingly shown to her by Miriam and Abby, and desires me to convey her love and heart-felt thanks to them as one deeply their debtor. Helen and Sarah also unite in sending their affectionate remembrances.

I trust you found your beloved wife and child well on your return from your anti-slavery tour, and that you all continue in the enjoyment of good health. Surely, to him who has a loving and faithful wife, and who is equally loving and faithful toward her, "there is no place like home."

Your much obliged friend,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.





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